

ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR PREPARING 2-CYANO-3-HYDROXY-N-
(PHENYL)BUT-2-ENAMIDES

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A process is described for producing 2-cyano-3-hydroxy-N-(phenyl)but-2-enamide, in which a phenyl-substituted 2-cyano-N-(phenyl)acetamide is reacted in the presence of a base, acetic anhydride and at least one solvent, and the resultant 2-cyano-3-hydroxy-N-(phenyl-derivative)but-2-enamide is crystallized by

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acidification.